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Dear FCC,

We need the FCC to defend the rights of millions of Internet users by upholding net neutrality protections and upholding Title II oversight of Internet Service Providers.

Removing these protections only serves to benefit the pockets of oligopolies like AT & T, Comcast and Verizon, by allowing them to act in an extortionist-like manner towards popular websites, forcing them to pay for delivering content to consumers.

This will only serve to make the Internet less competitive and will provide fewer options for consumers and ordinary people, and will only benefit the wealthy owners of the big Internet Service Providers.

I urge you to act in the best interests of Americans, and not just Americans, but in the best interests of the world. I myself am from the UK, but I know how the USA's policies and actions are copied the world-over due to its power and influence.

Removing net neutrality protections will make it more likely that other countries will do the same. But if the USA upholds the digital rights of consumers and stops ISPs from abusing their position to simply make more profit at the expense of ordinary citizens (because websites such as Netflix may pass their increased costs to consumers if ISPs start racketeering), then this will act as a shining example to the rest of the world.

In an era where the Internet plays an ever-increasingly important role in our lives, the FCC could make the online world a level playing field for everybody – by upholding net neutrality protections – and it most definitely should.

Sincerely,  
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